

# HOEVEN WHIP+ ENHANCEMENTS

## ENSURES ADEQUATE FUNDING

- Provides an **additional \$1.5 billion** for disaster assistance. This funding is in addition to the \$3 billion approved for disaster assistance earlier this year.
- Funding is provided by reprogramming leftover funds from the 2017 Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP). USDA anticipates minimal expenditures from the 2017 program, and adequate funds will remain to fund outstanding indemnities.

## SUGAR BEET ASSISTANCE

- Directs USDA to provide **assistance to sugar beet growers** who suffered quality and quantity losses due to a covered disaster event.
- Makes sure disaster payments to sugar beet cooperatives are distributed to growers in an equitable manner.

## EXPANDED LOSS COVERAGE

- Requires USDA to **cover quality losses** for all WHIP+ eligible crops.
  - WHIP+ previously only covered production losses for most crops.
- Provides relief to growers who suffered tremendous quality losses due to record amounts of precipitation.

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING DISASTERS

- **Adds excessive moisture and drought** to the list of qualifying disaster events.
- To be eligible for an indemnity due to drought, a producer must be in an area that experienced a D3 or higher level of drought in 2018 or 2019 for any period of time. Determinations are based on USDA's drought monitor.
- Clarifies that losses due to a freeze are to be covered by WHIP+ the same way losses due to a snowstorm are covered.

